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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION UNGA - JAPANESE INITIATIVE

1. PERMREP SAITO IN APRIL 5 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR SCALI ON UNGA SPECIAL SESSION (FULL ACCOUNT SEPTTEL). GAVE SCALI COPY OF PAPER ENTITLED; "PRELIMINARY IDEA OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS ON RESOURCES AND RAW MATERIALS." THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH SAITO EMPHASIZED WAS INSPIRED BY TOKYO RATHER THAN HIS MISSION, WILL BE MENTIONED IN THE JAPANESE PLENARY STATEMENT APRIL 10. THE CENTRAL IDEA OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO REFER ISSUES ARISING IN SPECIAL SESSION ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT TO A SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 20 NON-GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. SAITO EXPLICITLY REQUESTED OUR REACTION TO PROPOSAL.

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2. AMBASSADOR SCALI ON THE BASIS OF SAITO ORAL PRE-

SENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL, INQUIRED WHETHER THE PROPOSAL WOULD INVOLVE THE UN IN THE COLLECTION AND COLLATION OF STATISTICS AND OTHER DATA ON RAW MATERIALS' PRICES, PRODUCTION AND TRENDS. SCALI INDICATED THAT WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING OURSELVES WHETHER UN SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN WORLD-WIDE INVENTORY NATURAL RESOURCES. SAITO RESPONDED THAT COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES MIGHT WELL BE A MORE APPROPRIATE AGENCY FOR THAT PARTICULAR TASK. SCALI SAID THAT THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL WOULD BE SENT TO WASHINGTON AND THAT USG COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE PASSED TO THE JAPANESE WHEN AVAILABLE. SAITO INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED TO CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE EEC ON THE PROPOSAL IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE ALSO SAID THAT EMBASSY WOULD TAKE UP MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE GOJ PROPOSAL IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE JAPANESE CONCERN AND DESIRE TO INVOLVE THE UN IN A CENTRAL FASHION IN THE AREA OF RAW MATERIALS. THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE UN NATURAL RESOURCES REVOLVING FUND IN THE 28TH GA WAS THE MOST RECENT SIMILAR EXPRESSION.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT DEPARTMENT REVIEW TEXT OF GOJ PROPOSAL REPEATED BELOW WITH VIEW TO PROVIDING USUN WITH AT LEAST PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL BY MONDAY APRIL 8.

PRELIMINARY IDEA OF THE "UNITED NATIONS CONSULTATIVE GROUP" OF EMINENT PERSONS ON RESOURCES AND RAW MATERIALS

1. COMPOSITION

THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL BE COMPOSED OF 20 EMINENT PERSONS WHO WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE BASIS OF PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

(SOME EXPERTS IN RESOURCES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERS OF 20)

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PAID TO THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE INTER-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH IN VIEW OF THE GLOBAL NATURE OF THE RESOURCE PROBLEMS.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL FORMULATE ITS IDEA ON WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE IN THE FIELD OF RESOURCES AND

RAW MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REALIZING AND SECURING THE PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND, FROM THE GLOBAL AND LONG-TERM VIEWPOINT, PRESENT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ITS WELL-BALANCED VIEW ON THE GUIDELINES FOR ACCOMPLISHING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PURPOSE, PROVIDED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP SHOULD ACT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HUMAINITY, PURELY ON THE BASIS OF PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE AND INDEPENDENTLY OF THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF THEIR COUNTRIES. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE POSSIBLE AREAS IN WHICH THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL ACT:

A) AN INTERNATIONAL EFFECT TO PURSUE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMON INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES AND RAW MATERIALS WITH A VIEW TO SECURING THE LONG-TERMS STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF "ONE WORLD".

B) REVIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION REGARDING THE CONSERVATION, PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES AND RAW MATERIALS AND STUDY OF THEMES AND PROBLEMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS (SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT MATTER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES).

C) STUDY OF THE ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN RESPECT OF (A) AND (B) ABOVE AS WELL AS NECESSARY MEASURES FOR STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS FUNCTIONS.

3. FUNCTIONS

THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL BE RESPONSIBLE SOLELY FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

THE TERMS OF ITS WORK WILL BE FOR 1 TO 2 YEARS, DURING WHICH
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IT WILL MEET FROM TIME TO TIME AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL PREPARE HIS REPORTS, IF NECESSARY, ON THE BASIS OF SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRESENT, THROUGH ECOSOC, HIS REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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